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STATISTICS

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Direct mail accounted for 60.1 ($13,854,663) of the total food stamp issuance of $23,053,007.

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There were 186,454 households certified to participate in the Food Stamp Program, of which 185,067 (or 99.3%) actually participated.

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The number of families receiving AFDC money payments decreased by 236 from the April families, to a total of 56,874.

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The average number of persons per AFDC family was 2.73 and the average grant per person was $47.76.

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The Medical Assistance case load for May was 27,527 and 3,783 new applications were received.

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MONTHLY REVIEW OF AFDC

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

During the month of May, the Department of Human Services received 3,752 applications for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, a decrease of 355 (8.6 percent) from the number received during April. In comparison with the number of applications received during May of the preceding year, there was an increase of 20 applications (0.5 percent).

APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF

Investigations were completed on 4,235 AFDC applications during May. This number was 68.4 percent of the total applications on hand. It compares with 64.8 percent of the total number on hand for which investigations were completed during the preceding month and 62.9 percent for which investigations were completed during the same month of the preceding year. Two thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven (66.8 percent of those on whose requests for assistance final decisions were made) were found to be eligible for assistance during May, in comparison with 2,967 applicants (66.2 percent of those investigated) approved the preceding month and 2,521 applicants (66.7 percent of those investigated) approved the corresponding month of last year. The number approved during the current month represented a decrease of 4.7 percent from the number approved in April, but an increase of 12.1 percent over the number approved in May 1985. The rate of approvals for the AFDC Program increased over the preceding month by 0.6 percent and if a comparison is made with the corresponding month of last year, the rate of approvals showed an increase of 0.1 percent.

ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Money payments for AFDC during May amounted to $7,420,132.00. This was a decrease of 0.8 percent from the amount of money payments for April, but an increase of 9.3 percent over the money payments for May of the preceding year. Payments were made for 56,874 families with 105,384 children at an average grant of $130.47 per family and $70.41 per child. The average grant decreased from April by $0.53 per family and $0.26 per child. In comparison with the same month of last year, the average grant showed an increase of $14.46 per family and an increase of $4.57 per child.

CASES CLOSED

One thousand nine hundred and forty AFDC cases were closed during May, a decrease of 8.3 percent from the April closures. In comparison with the same month of the preceding year, the closures showed an increase of 20.9 percent. Three hundred and nineteen (16.4 percent) of the AFDC cases closed during May were closed because of a change in economic circumstances, chiefly employment or benefits/pensions increased making these cases no longer in need in accordance with the standards of the Department. One thousand six hundred and twenty-one (83.6 percent of the total number closed) had had no change in economic circumstances, but were closed because of recipient initiative or gross income in excess of 150% of need standard.

MONTHLY REVIEW OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED — During the month of May, the Department of Human Services received 3,783 applications for Medical Assistance. Of this number, 934 were Medically Needy Women and Children, 778 were Aged persons applying for Categorically Needy, 11 were applications for Blind Categorically Needy, 864 were for Disabled Categorically Needy, and 1,196 were Women and Children's applications as Categorically Needy.

APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF — Investigations were completed on 4,093 applications during the month. One thousand and sixty-two applications processed were Medically Needy, 912 were Aged Categorically Needy, 9 were Blind Categorically Needy, 921 were Disabled Categorically Needy, and 1,189 were Women and Children's applications for Categorically Needy. Of the total number processed, 2,093 (51.1 percent) were determined eligible for Medical Assistance. There were 489 Medically Needy approvals, 616 Aged Categorically Needy approvals, 4 Blind Categorically Needy, 270 Disabled Categorically Needy, and 714 Women and Children's applications approved as Categorically Needy. At the end of May, the workers in the Department had 3,399 applications which had not been disposed of and were pending to next month. The total pending was made up of 678 Medically Needy applications and for Categorically Needy 1,010 were Aged, 7 were Blind, 854 were Disabled, and 850 were Women and Children.

NURSING HOME CARE (SSI) ACTIVITY

CERTIFICATION REQUESTS — During the month of May, workers in the local offices of the Department received 331 initial requests to determine income of SSI recipients in skilled or intermediate care facilities. These requests, when added to the 432 left pending at the end of April, made a total of 763 on hand during the month. Of these, 334 were completed during the month and 429 were pending at the end of May.

CERTIFICATION CASES — At the end of April, there were 5,782 income certification cases continued to next month. These cases, added to the 334 new cases for May, made a total active caseload of 6,116. Of these, 272 had their benefits terminated during the month because they were no longer eligible, leaving 5,844 cases still active at the end of May.

Table 1 - AFDC: Applications on Hand, May, 1985

County	Received	Disposed of		Pending
		Approved	Rejected	
TOTAL	3,752	2,827	1,408	1,952
Anderson. . .	51	36	12	22
Bedford . . .	20	8	8	15
Benton. . . .	6	2	1	4
Bledsoe . . .	11	4	1	11
Blount. . . .	45	36	23	32
Bradley . . .	59	42	24	41
Campbell. . .	55	36	12	22
Cannon. . . .	8	5	3	6
Carroll . . .	24	20	5	14
Carter. . . .	22	25	20	5
Cheatham. . .	8	7	5	1
Chester . . .	7	5	6	2
Claiborne . .	33	23	9	9
Clay.	9	5	0	7
Cocke	34	31	11	13
Coffee. . . .	17	18	8	10
Crockett. . .	9	10	4	7
Cumberland. .	34	16	15	25
Davidson. . .	313	254	105	3
Decatur . . .	10	5	3	6
DeKalb. . . .	6	7	4	3
Dickson . . .	17	19	10	3
Dyer.	28	29	8	14
Fayette . . .	24	15	6	19
Fentress. . .	25	13	9	15
Franklin. . .	36	20	14	9
Gibson. . . .	36	51	9	20
Giles	18	11	7	7
Grainger. . .	10	7	4	5
Greene. . . .	32	38	16	4
Grundy. . . .	16	10	1	12
Hamblen . . .	42	22	12	23
Hamilton. . .	251	182	104	194
Hancock . . .	6	6	2	1
Hardeman. . .	45	30	14	32
Hardin. . . .	21	16	8	3
Hawkins . . .	12	20	3	18
Haywood . . .	44	28	13	25
Henderson . .	13	10	4	3
Henry	23	14	9	0
Hickman . . .	10	12	0	5
Houston . . .	3	5	4	0
Humphreys . .	7	4	6	3
Jackson . . .	2	2	3	2
Jefferson . .	16	17	6	10
Johnson . . .	10	11	5	11
Knox.	315	200	146	173

Table 1 - AFDC: Applications on Hand, May, 1985 (continued)

County	Received	Disposed of		Pending
		Approved	Rejected	
Lake.	12	5	2	11
Lauderdale. .	29	23	6	20
Lawrence. . .	20	15	5	11
Lewis	17	13	4	5
Lincoln . . .	18	10	5	19
Loudon. . . .	28	19	14	12
Macon	8	6	5	6
Madison . . .	89	81	22	23
Marion. . . .	26	22	6	21
Marshall. . .	10	8	3	7
Maury	47	33	14	9
Meigs	8	3	6	4
Monroe. . . .	28	16	13	11
Montgomery. .	27	42	45	6
Moore	2	2	0	0
Morgan. . . .	17	6	5	7
McMinn. . . .	37	21	13	29
McNairy . . .	14	16	3	11
Obion	21	22	10	14
Overton . . .	15	10	4	12
Perry	5	2	2	3
Pickett . . .	1	3	2	0
Polk.	3	4	1	3
Putnam. . . .	32	25	17	20
Rhea.	33	19	4	26
Roane	27	22	10	17
Robertson . .	16	19	15	3
Rutherford. .	50	33	29	14
Scott	14	17	3	12
Sequatchie. .	14	7	6	11
Sevier. . . .	42	23	18	20
Shelby. . . .	845	619	247	593
Smith	9	3	2	10
Stewart . . .	1	4	2	3
Sullivan. . .	33	33	26	9
Sumner. . . .	36	34	29	4
Tipton. . . .	38	30	15	19
Trousdale . .	3	1	4	0
Unicoi. . . .	6	10	0	2
Union	15	7	16	9
Van Buren . .	5	6	3	4
Warren. . . .	36	15	11	31
Washington. .	72	54	29	0
Wayne	4	2	3	3
Weakley . . .	27	20	3	16
White	11	5	4	6
Williamson. .	37	30	7	0
Wilson. . . .	21	20	13	7

Table 2 - AFDC: Reason for Need (Approvals), May, 1985

Reason for Need	Applications Approved	
	Number	Percent of Total
TOTAL	2,827	100.0
SSI caretaker	16	0.6
Continued from other case	61	2.2
Loss of employment	300	10.6
Decrease in earnings	70	2.5
Loss of or decrease in other income	986	34.9
No material loss of income but increase in needs	1,048	37.1
Change in resources	3	0.1
Change in law or policy	24	0.8
Willingness to comply with procedural requirement	136	4.8
Other attainment of technical eligibility	183	6.5